

Practitioner's Docket No. 2002-1495.ORI (old: RDM-FaceMask1)

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

First named inventor: Ronald D. Matich

Application no.: 10/052,532

Filing date: 01/18/2002

For: Face mask with seal and neutralizer

Examiner: PATEL, Mital B.

Art Unit: 3743

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A. Period For Reply

A shortened statutory period was set to expire one month from the Office Action of October 21, 2003. This election is being facsimile transmitted to the USPTO on November 21, 2003, thereby meeting the one month deadline.

B. Status

The Office Action was nonfinal.

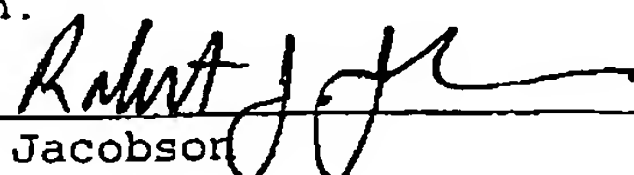
C. Disposition Of Claims

Please see the below noted election.

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I hereby certify that this correspondence and the documents referred to as enclosed therein are being facsimile transmitted to the United States Patent and Trademark Office on November 21, 2003 to 1-703-872-9302 by applicant's attorney, Robert J. Jacobson.

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D. Application Papers

In a subsequent Office Action, approval of the formal drawings (filed with this case on January 18, 2002) would be appreciated.

E. Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

This case does not claim foreign priority.

This case does not claim domestic priority.

F. Attachments

Applicants have filed two PTO-1449 forms, one with the filing of this case on January 18, 2002 and one on April 28, 2003. Consideration of the prior art listed on such PTO-1449 forms and return of the initialed and signed PTO-1449 forms in a subsequent Office Action would be appreciated.

G. The Detailed Action

In the Detailed Action of October 21, 2003, restriction was required. This restriction requirement is respectfully traversed on the grounds that, it is respectfully asserted, it would be more efficient for the Patent Office, applicant and the undersigned if all of the claims were examined at the same time.

H. Election with traverse

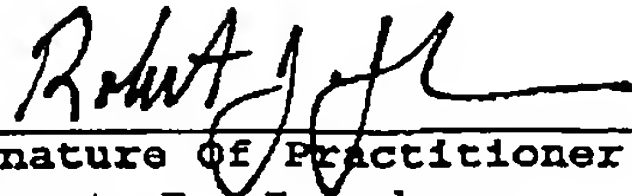
Applicants hereby elect, with traverse, Group I (claims 1-17 and 28).

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I. Summary

Examination of the present case would be appreciated.

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